(b) The Government is examining the recommendations of the National Commission for Women.

Violence and crime against children

434. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that violence and crime against children have increased manifold in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether, Government proposes to sensitise the States to prevent violence and crimes against children;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures Government proposes to initiale in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRJSHNA TIRATH) : (a) and (b) As per the Crime in Indiau report of uNational Crime Records Bureauu for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 the number of incidents of crime committed against children has been 14,975, 18,967 and 20,410, respectively.

(c) to (e) Children are protected under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 as amended in 2006 against abuse, neglect and cruelty. States/UTs are requested from time to time for effective implementation of the provisions of the Act.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has set up the National Commission for Protection of Child Right (NCPCR) on 5th March, 2007 in accordance with the provisions of the uCommissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005u. The Ministry has also been requesting the State Government/Union Territory Administrations to set up the State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights. State Commissions have already been set up in Delhi, Goa, Sikkim, Maharashtra and Karnataka. NCPCR, through its guidelines dated 9th August, 2007 and additional guidelines dated 26th May, 2009 has impressed upon the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to sensitize all concerned for preventing corporal punishment in schools.

Committee to hear sexual harassment at work places

435 SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per the direction of Supreme Court in Vishaka case, every Ministry, Department, Subordinate office, Public Sector Enterprise, local self Government Universities, Colleges, Banks and Government agencies and autonomous bodies has to set up a committee to hear the sexual harassment case of women employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such Committees have not been set up by most of the establishments; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to take to ensure that such Committees are compulsorily set up by all Government establishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government has advised all Central Government Ministries and State Governments to set up Internal Complaint Committees in all their workplaces.

Child marriage

436. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, even after 62 years of Independence, the country tops in cases of child marriage, with one third of child brides live in the country;

(b) the population of married children below 18 years, as per the last three censuses, State-wises; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent child marriages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH) : (a) As per the United Nations International Children Education Fund (UNICEF) Report, "The Progress for Children-A Report Card on Child Protection" of September, 2009, more than one in three women in the world, who were married as children, are from India. This report is based on data available for 2000-2007 from various sources.

The population of married children below 18 years as per census 2001 is given in the Statement (See below). The similar data for earlier censuses *viz.* 1981 & 1991 is not available as the same has not been tabulated by the Office of the Registrar General of India.

(c) In order to prohibit child marriages and to make the provisions of the Act more effective with punishment for offenders, a new legislation uThe Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006" was notified in the Gazette of India on llth January, 2007 and the said Act has been enforced *w.e.f.* 1.11.2007. In addition the Ministry of Women & Child Development has launched the Intergraded Child Protection Scheme aimed at care and protection of children. Also, awareness generation and advocacy measures are continuously being undertaken by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in this connection.